

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* PLANTING RICE, CORN, SOYBEANS AND SORGHUM

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RELEASED: April 19,1999 3:00 p.m.— Temperatures for the week were below normal with precipitation varying across the state according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 4.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 55 percent adequate and 45 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included preparing equipment and land for planting of row crops, planting of rice, soybeans,corn and sorghum, and fertilizing wheat and pasture.

CROPS: Planting rice, corn, and sorghum was reported by several counties. Fertilizing and applying herbicides to wheat. Tomatoes and other vegetables were being planted and peaches and other fruit trees were being sprayed for diseases.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle producers continued to market cattle, and wean calves. Cattle were given vaccinations, treated for worms, and were reported in good condition statewide. Producers continued to sell cattle on wheat pasture which have continued to make good gains.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM								
Planted	11	28	22					
RICE								
Planted	8	33	23					
SOYBEANS								
Planted	1	3	4					
CORN								
Planted	46	74	78					
WHEAT				0	1	15	54	30
Headed	43	43	27					
OATS				0	1	10	58	31
Headed	55	45	40					
ALFALFA				0	4	45	50	1
OTH. HAY				0	2	42	50	6
PASTURE				0	6	34	52	7

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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